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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals the final rejection of claims 1, 13-16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 30, 31, 33-36, 44-48, 51 and 55-79 dated November 7, 2001, to the Board of Appeals. A Request for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being filed herewith to extend the response period to May 7, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$320 for payment of the Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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